

MR. CROM WILL BE OCALA'S POSTMASTER

Former Gainesville Man Will
Preside Over Ocala Office.

CONFIRMATION CAME MONDAY

Hons. Robinson and Chubb, Republican Leaders Who Endorsed the Application, Won Victory Over Abundance of Opposition.

The appointment of George C. Crom to be postmaster of Ocala, which confirmation was made from Washington Monday, was received with a great deal of satisfaction by Hons. Walter G. Robinson and Henry S. Chubb of this city, chairmen of the Republican Congressional Committee and the Republican State Central Committee respectively. These gentlemen received information of the appointment Tuesday afternoon.

The term of the present incumbent, H. S. Groves, expired a year ago, since which time there have been several candidates after the plum, some among the number being very strongly endorsed by powerful influences outside of the State.

But Mr. Crom held the proverbial long pole, however, and secured the permission, full ripe. He had the endorsement of Messrs. Robinson, Chubb and J. N. Coombs of Apalachicola, national committeeman from Florida, and the Republican State organization, which the President sustained. Naturally these gentlemen feel very much elated.

Mr. Crom has been for several years general agent of the Atlantic Coast Line at Ocala, one of the most important points on that line, in which capacity he enjoyed great success. He originally resided in Gainesville, and it was here he married into one of the most prominent families in the State. He was connected with the Southern Express Company, and was quite popular. His success attracted the attention of high railroad officials, with the result that he was tendered a lucrative position by them, and was induced to make the change, since which time he has had rapid promotion. His fine executive ability, good judgment and personal popularity attracted the attention of the Republican leaders, Messrs. Robinson, Chubb and Coombs, and when the vacancy at the Ocala postoffice occurred they heartily endorsed him, and the appointment, which is one of the best in the State, followed.

MR. GRAVES BUYS PROPERTY.

Purchases a Hundred Acres Fine Timber Land Near Paradise.

Daniel Graves of Bradshaw, Nebraska, has demonstrated his faith in Florida to the extent that he has purchased from W. H. Palmer, agent, one hundred acres of timber and farming land about five miles from this city, near Paradise.

The land contains some of the finest timber in the county, suitable for turpentine and saw mill purposes. A portion of the land is cleared, and this Mr. Graves will no doubt let out to the farmers on shares. It is a valuable tract, and the new owner is to be congratulated.

Mr. Graves, who has been for some time with relatives in North Gainesville, expects to return to his Western home in a few days, but will visit this section earlier next season.

SEEDS and FARM Implements

We have in stock a full line of all kinds of Seeds, consisting of Cox's Prolific, Golden and White Dent Corn, Kaffir Corn, Beans of all varieties, etc.

A full line of Plows, Cultivators, Deering Mowers and Hay Rakes.

HOES, RAKES, SHOVELS, and everything needed for spring work.

All Kinds of HARDWARE and FURNITURE.

THE S. J. THOMAS CO
GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEATH OF DR. MATHESON.

Aged Gentleman and Ex-Confederate Passed Away Wednesday.

The people of Gainesville and this section were grieved Wednesday evening to hear of the death of Dr. Benjamin Haile Matheson, which occurred at 5:45 o'clock in the afternoon.

Deceased was a native of Camden, S. C., and was born Nov. 14, 1827. He was a graduate of the South Carolina College, and Charleston Medical College, completing his medical course at Philadelphia and New York.

After graduating Dr. Matheson went to Pickens county, Ala., where he remained for about nine years, returning then to Camden. At the beginning of the Civil War he entered the Confederate service, being assigned to the South Carolina coast. At the close of the war he returned to Kershaw county, S. C., and resumed the practice of medicine. After practicing medicine for a number of years he removed to his farm and remained there until January, 1902, when he came to Gainesville on account of his health.

Deceased is survived by four sisters, Mesdames Mary McCaa of Jacksonville, E. P. McCuen of Santa Fe, N. M., N. R. Young of Ocala and S. M. Adamson of this city, and two brothers, J. D. and W. C. Matheson of this city.

The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the Presbyterian church, Rev. Thos. P. Hay officiating. The following gentlemen will act as pall bearers, and are requested to meet at the home of W. C. Matheson at half-past two:

J. H. Vidal, W. T. Chesnut, J. W. Tench, B. F. Jordan, James Doig, C. A. Colelough.

To the bereaved relatives The Sun, with other friends, extends sincere sympathy.

A DESERVED PROMOTION.

Harvey L. Hutchinson Will be Manager for National at Charleston.

H. L. Hutchinson, who for the past two years has been working hard, faithfully and successfully in the capacity of traveling salesman for the Hammond Packing Company and the National Packing Company, has been rewarded for his faithfulness and efficiency by a deserved promotion, and after Monday will be the manager of the Charleston branch of the National Packing Company of Chicago, one of the largest packing plants in the United States. The Charleston branch is the largest and most important branch in the South, which makes the promotion all the more complimentary.

Mr. Hutchinson has been anticipating the promotion for several weeks, as it was intimated from headquarters that it would be given him. He received a telegram Saturday directing him to report for duty to assume the management of the Charleston branch Monday morning.

Few salesmen in the State have been more popular or more successful than Mr. Hutchinson, and, while his friends throughout the territory regret so much to lose him, they will nevertheless join in extending congratulations upon this deserved and most complimentary promotion.

Mr. Hutchinson will leave for Charleston Saturday, but proposes to keep his family in this city for the present.

Ball Club Organized.

The baseball season is about to dawn, and various clubs are being organized for the coming summer. Among the best colored teams yet organized is the Central City Club, colored, which will this year be under the management of Grant Player.

The Central City Club furnished some exciting games to the fans of Gainesville last summer, and propose now to bring some of the strongest colored teams in the State to play here. This city, which has always enjoyed the reputation, both white and colored teams, of being the champion of the State, has some of the best colored welders of the willow in Florida, and a lively season is anticipated.

Still Remembers Gainesville.

L. Klein, at one time a prosperous merchant in this city, but who is now engaged in the brokerage business in Mobile, Ala., in making remittance for subscription to The Sun, says:

"Although I have not lived in your city for nearly six years, I still feel very much attached to the place and the people, and the brightness of The Sun. With best wishes to your valued paper and all inquiring friends, Yours very truly, 'L. KLEIN.'"

Mr. Klein's friends will be glad to know that he remembers them, and will be pleased also to learn that he is prospering in his Alabama home.

The Hand That Wards Off Coughs, Colds, Grip And Restores Nervous, Dyspeptic Catarrh Wrecks.

COLD, COUGHS, GRIP

"During the recent Grip epidemic, claiming a million victims or more, the efficiency of Pe-ru-na in quickly relieving this malady and its after-effects has been the talk of the continent."—N. Y. Journal.

THE STRONG HAND OF PE-RU-NA

CATARRHAL DISEASES

LIKE A DEMON grip has crossed our country, leaving behind scores of physical wrecks.

Victims of catarrh of the head, catarrh of the throat, catarrh of the lungs, catarrh of the stomach, catarrh of the kidneys, catarrh of the pelvic organs, are to be counted by hundreds of thousands.

Grip is epidemic catarrh, and sows the seed of chronic catarrh within the system.

This is so true that few grip sufferers are able to make a complete recovery until they have used Peruna.

Never in the history of medicine has a remedy received such unqualified and universal eulogies as Peruna.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Cured of Obstinate La Grippe.

Henry Distin, the inventor and maker of band instruments for the Henry Distin Mfg. Co., at Williamsport, Pa., is probably the most active old man in Philadelphia to-day. He writes from 141 S. 9th street, Philadelphia, Pa.:

"I write to inform you that I had a bad attack of la grippe last December which lasted more than three months, and which left me with catarrh, and several of my friends advised me to try your wonderful medicine, Peruna."

"I began with a bottle the first week in March and it certainly did me a great deal of good."

"I was so well satisfied that I purchased another bottle, and followed your directions which you furnish with every bottle, and I am glad to say that it has cured me. I shall certainly recommend the Peruna to all my friends."—Henry Distin.

Congressman Powers of Vermont Uses Pe-ru-na in His Family.

Hon. H. Henry Powers, writes from Morrisville, Vt.:

"Peruna I have used in my family with success. I can recommend it as an excellent family remedy, and very good for coughs, colds and catarrhal affections."—H. Henry Powers.

Pe-ru-na For Catarrhal Nervousness and Stomach Troubles.

Hon. W. J. Purman, ex-member of Congress from Florida, writes from 1422 Q street, N. W., Washington, D. C.:

"From representations to me, and from my own experience, I feel justified in recommending your Peruna to any and all persons suffering with catarrhal nervousness or stomach troubles."—W. J. Purman.

Address Dr. S. B. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

HEAD SPLIT OPEN WITH A HEAVY AX

Coroner's Jury Holds John Green
for Murder of Wife.

SLAIN WHILE SHE SLEPT

Children of Green Testified Before Inquest That Their Father Struck Mother With Ax While She Was in a Deep Sleep.

Newberry, March 29.—Sallie Green, the woman who was chopped on the head with an ax at Cummer's turpentine still, five miles east of here, died yesterday morning.

Justice E. T. Henderson was summoned to the scene to hold an inquest over the dead body. He summoned the following jury: Ira J. Carter, J. C. Fortson, T. J. West, J. M. Milton, W. S. Nabb and Tim Bailey, foreman, who rendered the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find that one John Green, on the 23d day of March, an assault did make upon Sallie Green, his wife, and a mortal wound did inflict, of which said mortal wound said Sallie Green died."

John Green, the husband, has been committed to jail without bail.

The parties have been married for some years, and have two grown children, who testified that their father did murder their mother by striking her on the head with an ax while she was asleep. Both parties are colored.

(Note—The above article is the same case referred to in The Sun of Tuesday, but there was a mistake in the name, the reporter having been misinformed. Green has been in jail here since Sunday.)

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Spring Style Shoes.

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THE CELEBRATED LENOX MAKE for Misses and Children.

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Write for prices. Cases and bottles are not sold, but must be returned.

THE NEWS FROM ALACHUA.

Work Progressing on Ice Factory Building—Notes of Personal Interest.

Alachua, March 29.—C. A. Williams left yesterday for Tampa, where he will be for some time in hopes of regaining his health.

S. C. Dell spent Tuesday in Gainesville on business.

W. H. Traxler of Traxler was in the city Tuesday en route to Gainesville.

A. S. Johnson, the clever agent of the Seaboard Air Line at this place, is treating his pretty little residence to a coat of paint.

Work is progressing rapidly on the residence of R. A. Turner.

A number of our people are making fish baskets and preparing for the season's sport.

The work on the ice plant is going forward rapidly, and it is hoped will be in running order in thirty days. This

is only one of the needed enterprises that is booked for Alachua.

The meeting looking toward incorporating the town of Alachua is only ten days off, and some are showing a good deal of enthusiasm. L. V. Elves, our merchant prince, is spoken of as a probable candidate for mayor.

LeRoy Pearce of the East Florida Seminary, Gainesville, was at home for a short time last week.

Rev. B. F. Mason preached two interesting sermons at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night.

Mrs. R. S. Gray has purchased the millinery business of Mrs. G. S. Ramsey at Newberry, and has moved her family to that place. Mrs. Ramsey will devote her time to her millinery business at this place.

Mrs. Etheridge of Georgia has joined her husband, who is in the real estate business here. They are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. E. Stringfellow.